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Executive Summary

Permanent study transects and plots were constructed to monitor vegetation on BLM lands of central Utah affected by 1996 range fires. Intensive data on species composition and cover was collected from a total of 108 plots on seven study areas. Comparisons were made between lands that had been rehabilitated through chaining, drilling, or aerial seeding, and untreated or unburned lands. The success of rehabilitation measures in establishing perennial cover was greatest with drilling, followed by Ely chaining and smooth chaining, and least with aerial seeding alone. Variation due to local soils, topography, and plant distribution was detected among the study areas and plots. Preliminary data summaries and results are presented, to be supplemented by future reports as research continues.

Introduction

This report is a summary of field work done during the summer of 1997 for the fire rehabilitation monitoring study on lands of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Most of the field work was on lands administered by the Fillmore Field Office of the Richfield District, but some work was performed on the Beaver River Resource Area administered by the Cedar City District. In collaboration with BLM personnel, researchers at the Rocky Mountain Research Station Shrub Sciences Laboratory at Provo, Utah, designed permanent study sites on rangelands in the pinyon/juniper and sagebrush zones, in or near areas that had been burned by the extensive 1996 fires (Fig. 1). Attempts had been made to rehabilitate these rangelands through aerial seeding followed by chaining, or by rangeland drill. Legal action by opponents of chaining had led to a halt of the chaining operation prior to its completion. As a result, these lands were left with mosaic of chained, drilled, seeded, and untreated areas.

The purpose of our study is to compare vegetation patterns and trends of these rehabilitated areas with those of nearby untreated and unburned lands. The BLM was especially interested in the establishment success of seeded perennial grasses, because of their role in reducing soil erosion and combating the exotic annual cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*). Our study set out to evaluate the extent of soil cover and relative abundances of these components of the vegetation, as well as all other vascular plant species.

A complementary study with a broader scope was carried out by Don Proctor of the Utah State Office of the BLM, in other burned areas of Utah's Fillmore, Cedar City, and Salt Lake districts.

Design

Four base study areas were selected from among different burned areas on the BLM Richfield and Cedar City districts. The selection of these sites was based on visual suitability; preferred sites were those with several treatment classes within close proximity in an otherwise fairly uniform area. We also sought out sites with established markers such as public lands cadastral section corners, from which transects could be extended in a systematic way. The layout of these transects was subject to some manipulation so that the proper treatment classes could be compared without unnecessary variation. Extension of transects in cardinal directions or

compass angles ending in 0 or 5 was preferred. At all sites, the compass used was calibrated at 15 degrees declination from true north, regardless of actual site declination. Along the length of each transects, points were marked at even intervals of 50 meters or 60 meters (depending on the study area). Metal-rod markers placed at these points then served as the center of circular, 0.01 hectare (1/40 acre) sample plots. Four plots were included per treatment/transect. Each 0.01 ha. plot also contained a meter-square subsample plot, placed to the northeast of the circular plot center such that its edges were aligned with the cardinal directions. A second metal rod marks the northeastern corner of the meter-square in each plot. Figure 2 illustrates the dimensions of these plots.

The base study areas were assigned names--Cunningham, Twin Peaks, Gilson Mountains, and Jericho Highway--in reference to their geographic locations (Fig. 1, 3-7). Four treatment classes were sampled at each site: burned/seeded/chained, burned/seeded/not chained, burned/not seeded/not chained, and unburned/not treated. These were abbreviated, respectively, C (chained), NC (not chained), BNS (burned, not seeded), and I (intact). Parts of two of the study areas (Cunningham and Gilson Mountains) had been treated in rehabilitation projects prior to being burned in 1996. They were included in our sampling under the abbreviation OS (old seeding). The other two study area (Twin Peaks and Jericho Highway) had parts that had been burned and were subsequently treated with a rangeland drill (Dr).

In addition to these base study areas, three other study areas were established: Paul Bunyan's Woodpile (PB), Dog Valley Slopes (DS), and Railroad (RR) (Fig. 1, 8-10). These study areas allowed only for comparison of two treatments: burned/seeded/chained (C) and burned/seeded/not chained (NC). Transects were laid out at these study areas in parallel on the two sides of the dividing line between these treatments.

Figure 1 shows the approximate location of these study areas within the 1996 burns. Figures 3-10 consists of eight maps which illustrate the layout of treatments and transects at each of these study areas, in the following order: 3 and 4-Cunningham, 5-Twin Peaks, 6-Gilson Mountains, 7-Jericho Highway, 8-Dog Valley Slopes, 9-Paul Bunyan's Woodpile, 10-Railroad. A written description of each study area layout can also be found on Tables 1-7, following this same sequential order for study areas.

Data Collection

For each 0.01 ha. plot, measurements of slope and aspect were taken, and a brief description made. General extent of erosion and grazing activity were described. Vascular plant species within each plot were inventoried, their sociability described, and assigned percentage cover values as follows: <1% = +; 1-5%=1; 6-25%=2; 26-50%=3; 51-75%=4; 76-95%=5; >95%=6. Sociability of each species in a plot was also described using the following code: Cover was also measured (as a percentage rather than a class) for vascular plants, bare soil, litter, rock (>1cm), and cryptograms. Such measurements were ocular estimates based on a reference frame of one square meter, equal to one percent of a plot.

Vascular plant cover was divided into two categories: overstory (trees) and understory (shrubs, grasses, and forbs). While overstory vascular cover was an independent category, understory vascular cover was linked to bare soil, litter, rock, and cryptogams; i.e., the total of these latter five categories was made to equal 100% at each plot. Meaning, for example, that litter beneath the understory vascular cover was not normally counted in the litter cover estimate. On burned plots, this system was generally adequate because of limited litter and cryptogam cover. On unburned plots, however, this system had to modified because of extensive overlap in the vascular, litter, and cryptogam categories. These three categories were measured independently at such plots, giving total understory cover values of greater than 100%, the extra values indicating overlap.

In unburned plots with live trees (juniper, pinyon, or oak), the overstory cover category was measured as the percentage of ground lying beneath the tree canopy. In burned plots, an analogous measurement, labeled "standing dead," was taken. Canopy provided by the burned tree skeletons was estimated as if they were living and foliated. In chained plots, these estimates reflect the canopy cover of the trees in their felled position. Portions of the burned trees on or touching the ground were considered part of the litter class. Herbaceous plant material of the current year was not considered part of the litter component as long as it was still rooted in place.

A second set of cover class estimates deals with vascular plant cover alone. The relative amount of cover provided by trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs was calibrated to a total of 100% (not the same as the 100%=0.01 ha. of the previously mentioned set of cover classes). Only living woody plants and herbaceous plants of the current year were included here. In burned plots, where herbaceous cover or small shrubs predominated, these categories were readily exclusive. Unburned plots, with their extensive overstories and understories, had to be treated as if the different stories were pulled apart before collectively adding up to 100%.

Grass cover was further subdivided into exotic, native, and seeded species; again, calibrated to a total of 100%. The exotic category refers to cheatgrass. Commonly encountered native grasses included bottlebrush squirreltail (Sitanion hystrix), Bluebunch wheatgrass (Agropyron spicatum), Western Wheatgrass (Agropyron smithii), and Indian ricegrass (Oryzopsis hymenoides). At the Cunningham study area, Indian ricegrass had been included in the seeding mixture, thus it was included in the seeded category whenever encountered there. Seeding mixtures varied in composition at each study area, but contained similar grasses, mainly crested wheatgrass (Agropyron cristatum), intermediate wheatgrass (Agropyron intermedium), tall wheatgrass (Agropyron elongatum), and smooth brome (Bromus inermis).

Data collection was more intensive for the meter-square plots within each 0.01 ha. plot. The number of individual plants of each species within the meter-square was counted (or, whenever more than about 60 plants of a species occurred in a plot, a round estimate was made). Perennial grass clones were usually counted as multiple individuals according to the clumping patterns of their stems. Cover percentages were assigned to each species on the principle that one

decimeter-square equals one percent. Cover percentages for understory (vascular plants, litter, bare soil, rock>1cm, cryptograms) and overstory (live tree/standing dead canopy) were likewise recorded, with total understory cover equal to 100%, as in the larger plots.

Table 8 is an example of a completed datasheet, showing how the data appear when summarized, for the representative plot JH-C-P4. The first page has site notes, species occurrence, and cover data for the 0.01 ha. plot. The second page shows species occurrence and cover data for the meter-square subsample. The complete set of datasheets is not yet fully processed and will appear in a future report.

The recorded data is supplemented by photographs of each study plot. A close-up, semi-overhead view was taken of each meter-square. The 0.01 ha. circular plots were photographed from a distance of two radii from the plot center (one radius=5.66m) Two such photographs were taken at each plot, viewing the plot from two different angles, usually 90 degrees apart (e.g., viewed from the north and from the east). Figure 11 shows copies of the three photo views for the representative plot described in Table 8, JH-C-P4. Other photos, illustrating points made in the text below, are shown in Figures 15-24. Note that in some photographs, a colored ribbon was laid along the ground to mark the boundaries of the circular plots. A white quadrat marks the location of the meter-square plots. A full set of photographs representing all plots is on file at the Shrub Sciences Laboratory.

Results and Discussion

Below the written descriptions of each study area on Tables 1-7 is a list of vascular plant species; i.e., those species recorded in study plots across all treatments of the study area. Tables 10-15 summarize cover data for all plots (both 0.01 ha. and m²), as well as transect means for these values. Some of these means, in turn, are represented graphically in Figures 12-14. The three columns of bar graphs shown in each figure correspond to the three sets of cover classes recorded for the 0.01 ha. plots: % Cover by Type, % Vascular Plant Cover, and % Grass Cover. Each set of cover values has a total of 100%, as explained above, but this percentage has an absolute value of 0.01 ha. only for the first column, % Cover by Type. The rows of graphs in Figures 12 and 13 correspond with the four principal study areas (Cunningham, Twin Peaks, Gilson Mountains, and Jericho Highway), illustrating mean cover values across the five treatments at each location. Figure 14 is a different arrangement of mean cover data, comparing chained transects (top row) against unchained transects (bottom row) across all seven study areas.

The discussion that follows is based on a visual analysis of the data and on the observations and impressions of the data collectors. A more detailed statistical analysis is planned.

At each study area, the assemblage of plant species encountered was unique, due to local floristics and the different seed mixtures used in these locations. Nevertheless, there was much similarity in the dominant plant taxa and in the response of the seeded species to different treatments. Seedling establishment success was greatest with drilling, moderate with chaining,

and least without mechanical treatment. Areas which had been aerially seeded but not chained generally had at least some seedling establishment. Seeded grasses such as crested wheatgrass were frequently encountered beneath burned tree skeletons in unchained areas, although the amount of cover provided in these cases was usually low (Fig. 15). A notable exception, in which such cover was high, occurred on the rocky, east-facing "burnt slopes" at the Cunningham site. Here, establishment of both seeded grasses-- crested and intermediate wheatgrasses--and seeded forbs--alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), yellow sweetclover (*Melilotus officinalis*), and small burnet (*Sanguisorba minor*) was high despite no mechanical treatment (Fig. 16). These steep (25%-35%) slopes had been undergoing sheet and rill erosion following the fire. Our hypothesis is that the soil flow over and around the rocks caused much of the seed to be buried, thus increasing the number of successful germinations.

On the lower, flatter portion of Cunningham, mechanical treatment was carried out with a smooth chain. Prostrate kochia (*Kochia prostrata*) was among the plants that had been seeded here, and was abundant on the open ground of the chained area (Fig. 17). The response of the seeded grasses was different, in that their best establishment occurred underneath the felled trees. The germination success would in this case appear to be related more to the "nurse effect"--the modified microclimate due to the overlying tree skeleton--than to the mechanical manipulation of the soil seedbed (Fig. 18).

At all other study sites besides Cunningham, chaining was done using an Ely chain, and the mechanical impact on the soil was therefore more intense. Ely chains have sections of iron rails welded periodically to the chain links. At Paul Bunyan's Woodpile, plot four of the chained transect was especially affected by a deep churning; here the seeded shrub fourwing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*) had its greatest establishment and growth (Fig. 19). Generally, the seeded grasses also responded to Ely chaining with widespread establishment and vigorous growth. However, at some locations such as the Gilson Mountains, establishment was irregular, with patches of ground having low seeded grass cover (Fig. 20). Cover of seeded species was higher in drillings than in chainings at both the Twin Peaks and Jericho Highway sites (Fig. 21).

Some areas, seeded grass cover was complemented by a considerable complement of native perennial grasses. The north-facing Dog Valley Slopes were one such area; the low ground near a wash at GM-C-P1 was another (Fig. 22). At these locations, chaining did not appear to have any adverse effect on the recovery of these native grass stands following the fire. Cheatgrass, on the other hand, usually had less success on chained ground than on nearby unchained ground; the Railroad site is a prime example (Fig. 23). The reduction in cheatgrass may have been due to seed burial by the chaining activity.

The soil in chained and drilled areas tended to have a different appearance than nearby undisturbed soil, not only because of its more irregular topography but because of its finer surface texture; i.e., the rocky pavements found elsewhere had been buried at the treated sites. Particularly noteworthy was the Twin Peaks area, which sits on Quaternary basalt flows and is characterized by large rock fragments at the surface. Here, the chaining increased the amount of

exposed soil because these rocks were overturned and scattered (Fig. 24).

At many of the sites, total vascular plant cover was higher in unchained areas, whereas chained areas had more bare soil. As noted, however, cover by seeded species was higher in chained areas, and native perennial grasses were patchily distributed on both chained and unchained ground. The presence of more cheatgrass and forbs in the unchained areas was the contributing factor to such higher overall cover. Cover was lower under burned trees in the unchained areas, where the soil was often bare, except for the newly-established, aerially-seeded plants, as noted previously.

Diversity of plant species varied among treatments and was typically higher in burned areas than in unburned areas and higher in unchained areas than chained areas (drillings and old seedings were variable). The most dominant and prevalent forbs encountered were coyote tobacco (Nicotiana attenuata), desert alyssum (Alyssum desertorum), prickly lettuce (Lactuca serriola), and common sunflower (Helianthus annuus).

Projections

A more complete, refined treatment of our results and conclusions will appear in a future report. Repeated data collection at all plots is also programmed for the 1998 and 1999 field seasons. According to available time and resources, additional data on cover, soil erosion, and floristics is likely to be collected during these field seasons.

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Figure 1. Locations of study areas on land affected by 1996 range fires (red shading).

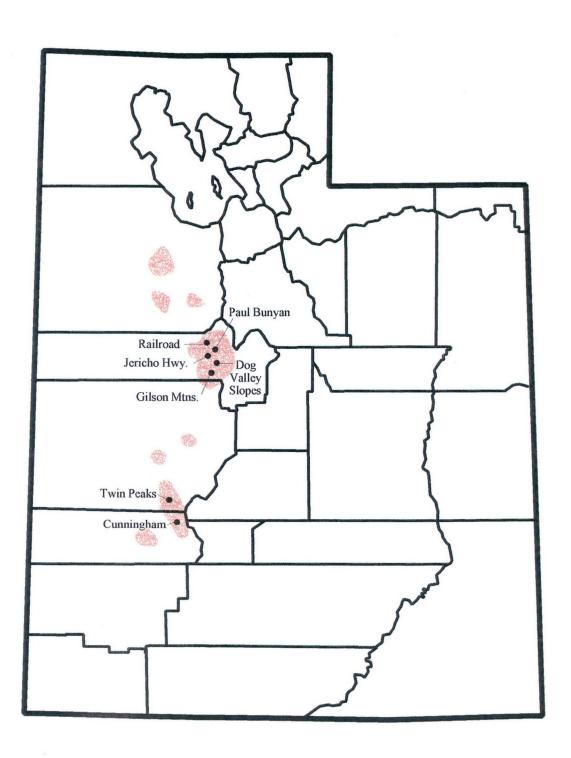


Figure 2. Dimensions of Study Plots

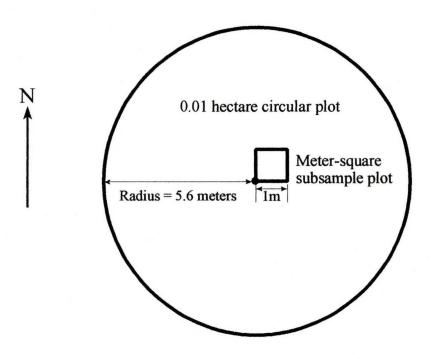


Figure 3. CUNNINGHAM STUDY AREA EAST TRANSECTS

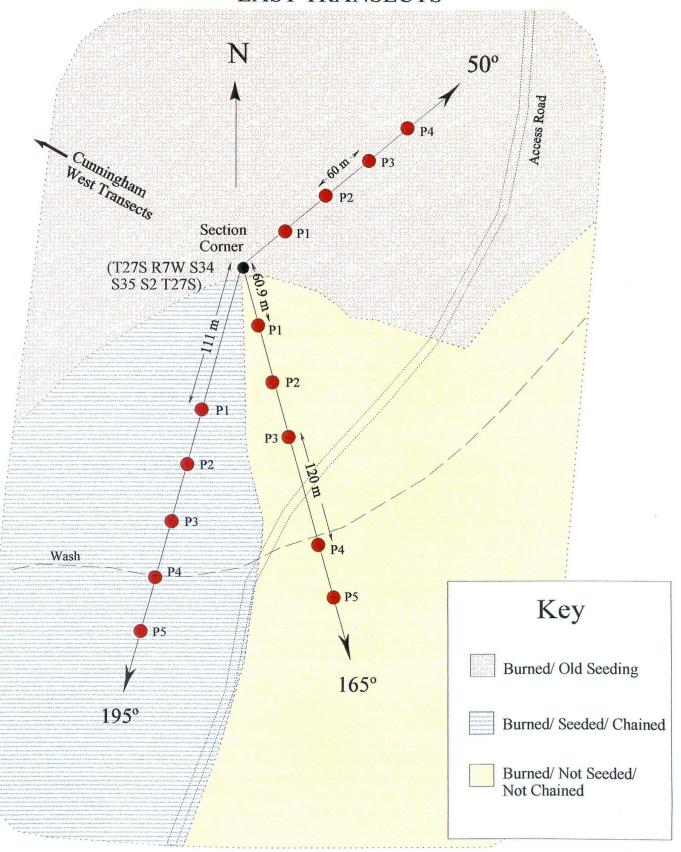
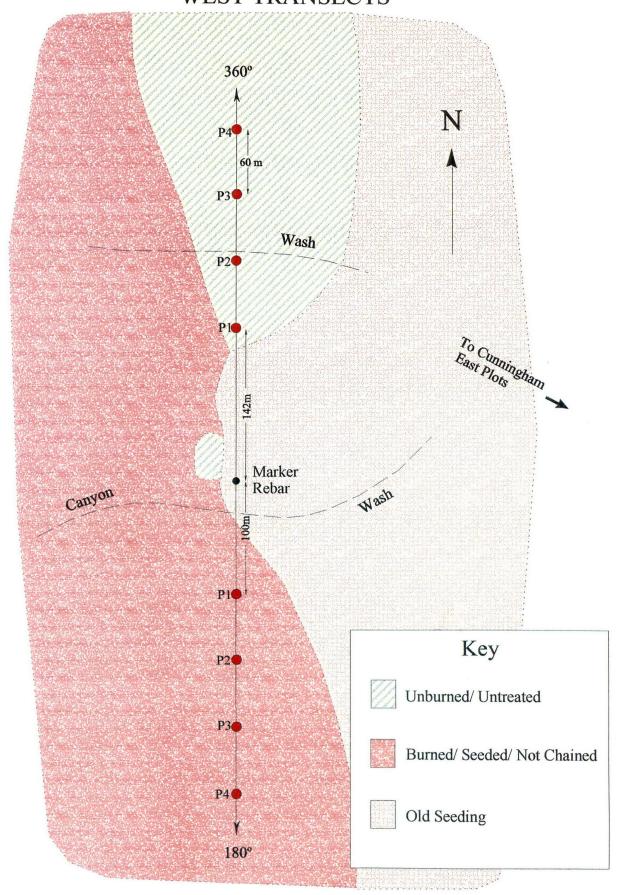


Figure 4. CUNNINGHAM STUDY AREA WEST TRANSECTS



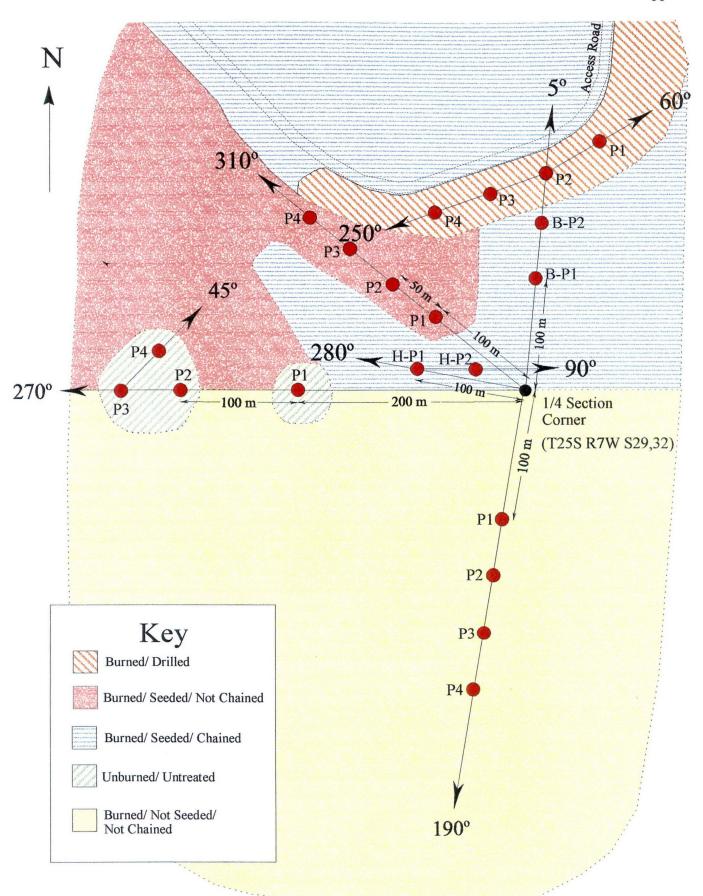


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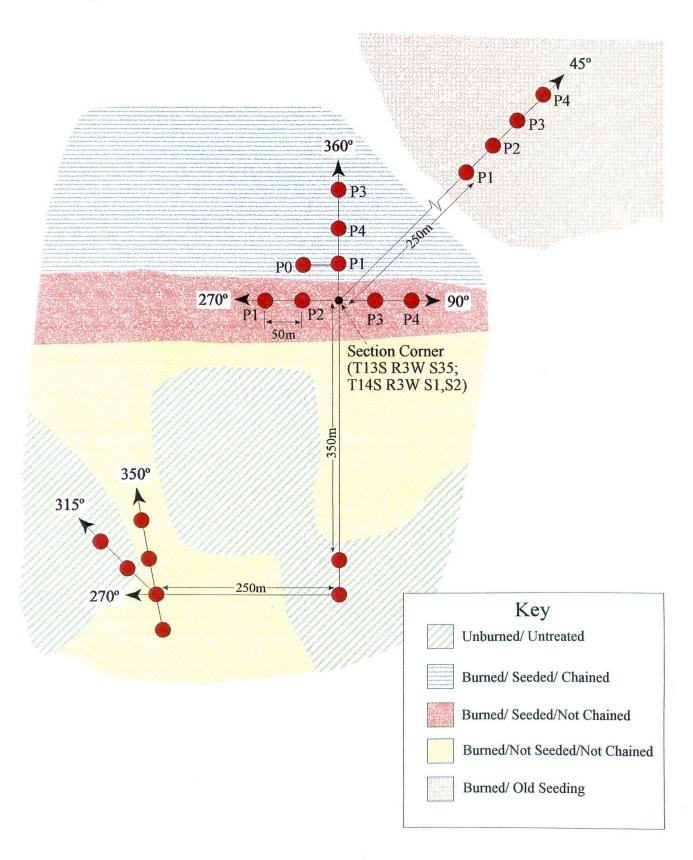
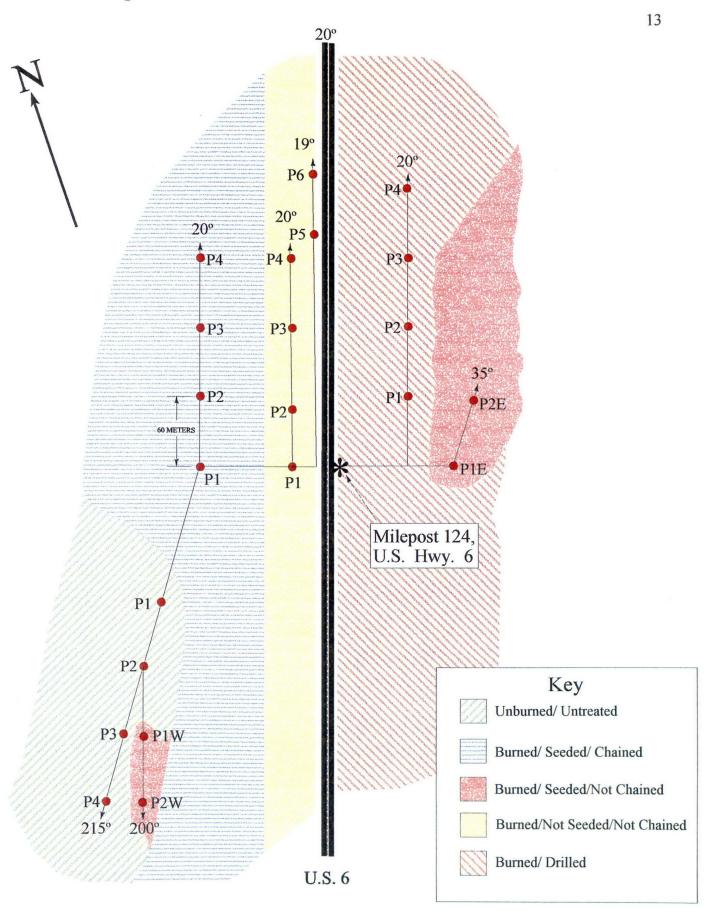


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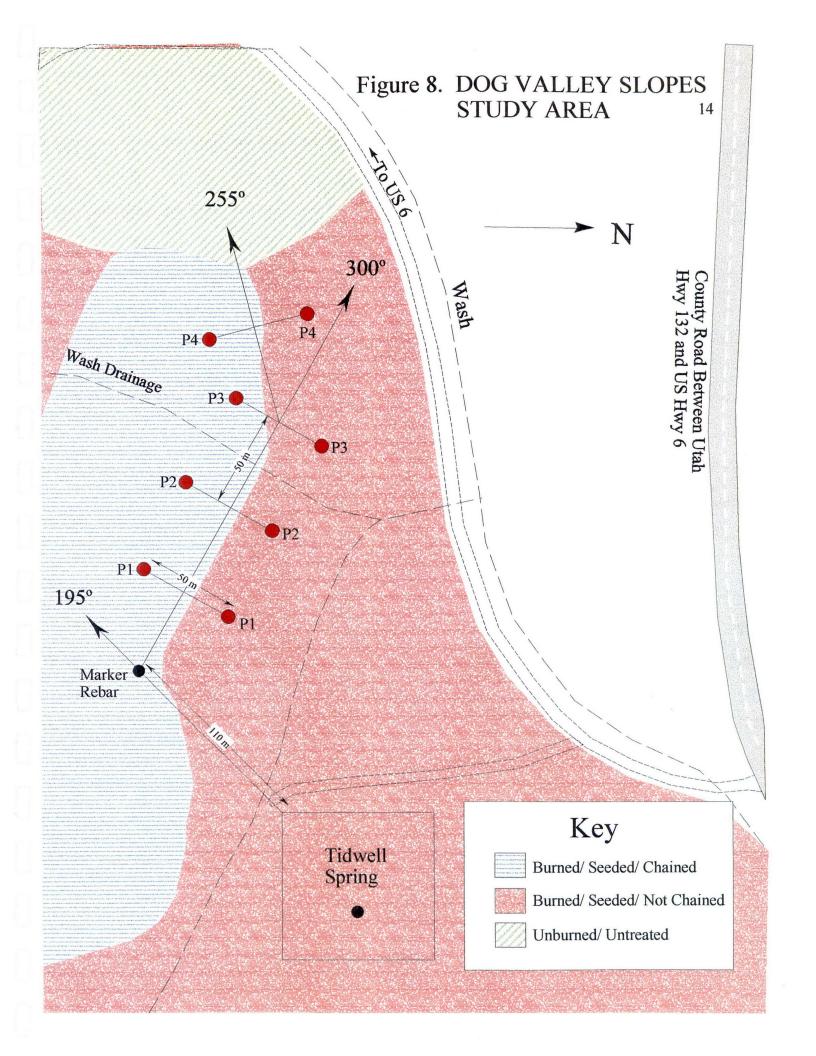


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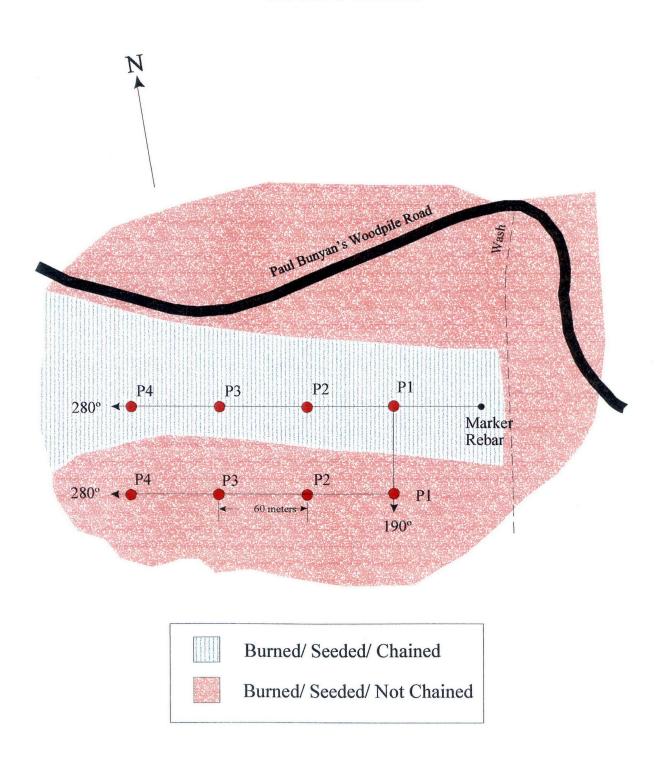


Figure 10. RAILROAD STUDY AREA 16 N Section Corner (T12S R3W S15 S21 S22): Marker Rebar 195° P2 🔴 P2 P3 (Gulley Key P3 P4 (Burned/ Seeded/ Chained P4 Burned/ Seeded/ Not Chained 125° Unburned/ Untreated Burned/ Not Seeded/ Not Chained

Figure 11. Photographs of a representative plot, JH-C-P4 (Jericho Highway-Chained-Plot 4), showing two views of 0.01 plot and closeup of meter-square plot inside.

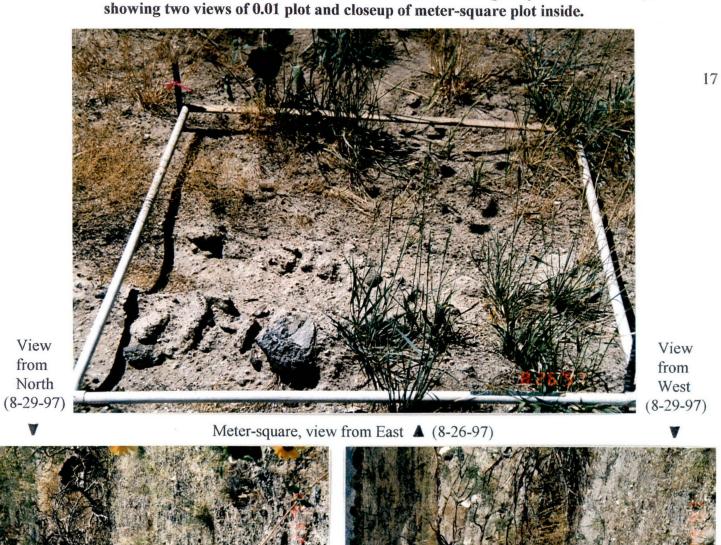




Figure 12. Mean Cover Data; Comparison of Treatments for Gilson Mtns. and Jericho Hwy. Study Areas

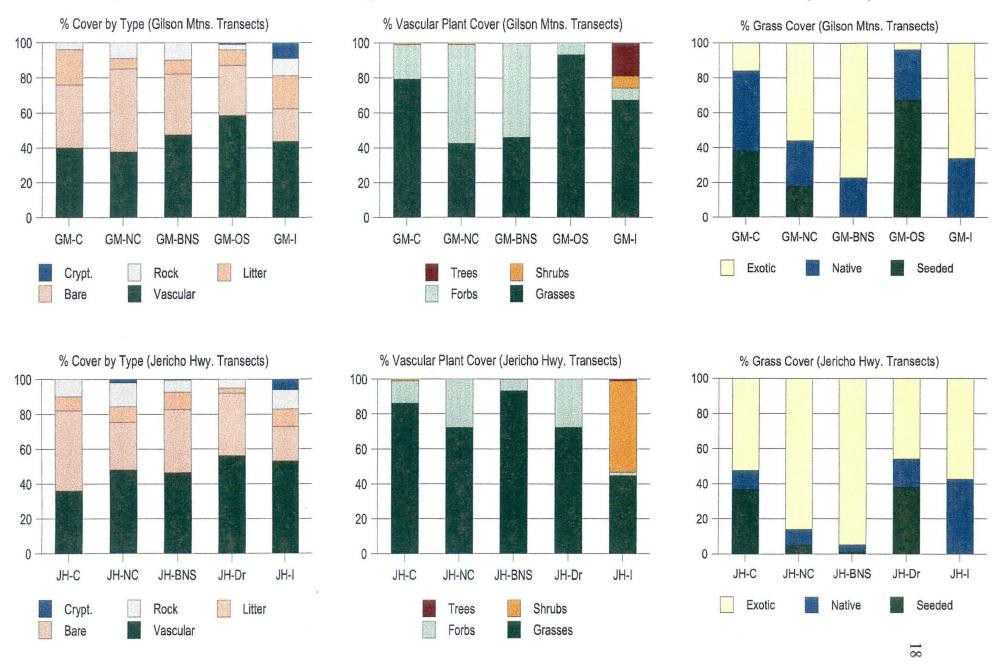
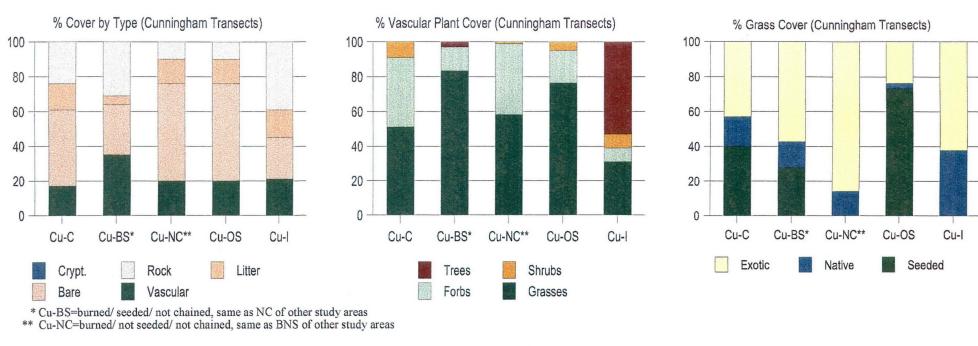
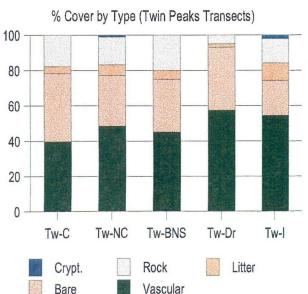
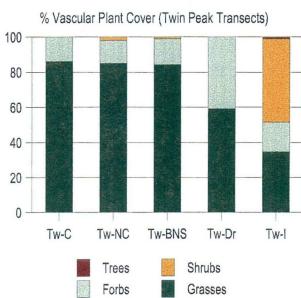


Figure 13. Mean Cover Data; Comparison of Treatments for Cunningham and Twin Peaks Study Areas







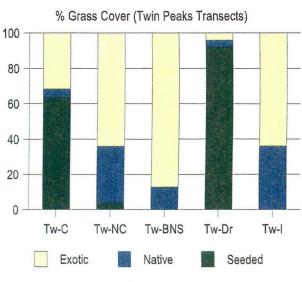


Figure 14. Mean Cover Data for Chained and Unchained Transects Across All Sites

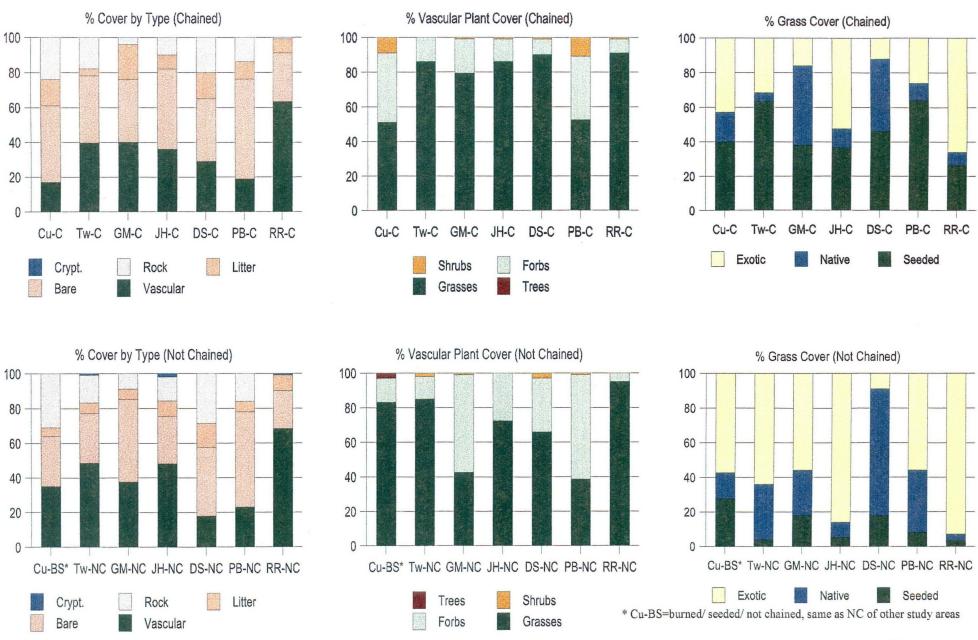




Figure 15. Photo taken near DS-NC-P2, illustrating seeded grasses growing in otherwise bare soil beneath burned trees in unchained areas.



Figure 16. Photo of Cu-BS-P4, showing high cover of seeded species on these rocky slopes due to aerially seeding alone.



Figure 17. Photo of Cu-C-P1, showing prevalence of prostrate kochia (*Kochia prostrata*) on open ground treated with a smooth chain.



Figure 18. Photo of Cu-C-P5 meter², with seeded grasses growing beneath a felled, burned tree. Here, the microclimate provided by the tree appears to have been more important for germination than the mechanical impact of the chaining.



Figure 19. Photo of PB-C-P4, showing vigorous establishment and growth of fourwing saltbush (Atriplex canescens) in deeply-churned chained soil.



Figure 20. Photo of GM-C-P2. Foreground shows an patch within the chained area with low establishment of seeded grasses (most grasses visible here are natives).



Figure 21. Photos of drilled areas, which generally had thicker cover of seeded species than adjacent chained areas. Above: Tw-Dr-P2; compare with Fig. 21. Below: JH-Dr-P2; compare with Fig. 10.





Figure 22. Photos showing sites with heavy cover of native perennial grasses. Above: GM-C-P1. Below: Dog Valley Slopes study area.





Figure 23. Photo of Railroad study area, showing border between chained (right) and unchained (left) treatments. Thick cover by cheatgrass where not chained; greater establishment of seeded grasses on chaining.



Figure 24. Photo of Tw-C(B)-P1, showing soil with volcanic rock fragments at surface which were overturned and scattered by chaining.

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, CUNNINGHAM STUDY AREA

Access: South on either side of I-15 from Sulphurdale exit East Transects: Marker Used as Base: Public lands cadastral section marker, T27S R7W S34 S35 S2 T27S Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1 = plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Burned/Seeded/Chained):

110m(P1), 170m(P2), 230m(P3), 290m(P4) at 195°

Transect NC (Burned/ Not Seeded/Not Chained):

200ft(P1) at 165°, then 60m(P2), 120m(P3), 240m(P4), 310m(P5) at 165°

Transect OS (Burned/Old Seeding: Reseeded/Chained) 60m(P1), 120m(P2), 180m(P3), 240m(P4) at 50°

West Transects: Marker Used as Base: Rebar at SE corner of unburned junipers near north side of canyon mouth; canyon located directly north of Woodtick Hill

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1 = plot 1, etc.) Transect BS (Burned Slopes, Seeded/Not Chained) 100m(P1), 160m(P2), 220m(P3), 280m(P4) at 180°

Transect I (Intact, Unburned/Untreated)

142m(P1) at 0°, then 60m(P2), 120m(P3), 180m(P4) also at 0°

Comments: The west and east transects are separated by about a mile. transects lie on the steep (20-35% slope) lower eastern slopes of Woodtick Hill and another unidentified peak. The east transects lie on lower alluvial fan topography of 2-10% slope. Note that the transect labeled NC (not chained) was not seeded and therefore is not analogous to the label NC at other study sites (the proper label, relative to other sites, would be BNS--burned, not seeded). Also, an initial transect length of 200 feet was used on the NC transect before the standard of 60 meters was decided upon. All transects contain four plots except C and NC, which have five. The fifth transects were added for balance because both C-P4 and NC-P4 were located anomalously in wash bottoms.

SPECIES LIST

Trees Juniperus osteosperma* Pinus monophylla Quercus gambelii

Artemisia tridentata Atriplex canescens Ceratoides lanata (?) Cercocarpus montanus Chrysothamnus náuseosus Eriogonum corvmbosum* Gutierrezia sarothrae Kochia prostrata Opuntia polyacantha Purshia tridentata

Graminoids

Agropyron cristatum Agropyron elongatum Agropyron intermedium Agropyron spicatum Bromus inermis Bromus japonicus Bromus tectorum Elymus junceus Festuca octoflora Hordeum jubatum* Koeleria macrantha Oryzopsis hymenoides Poa fendleriana Sitanion hystrix

Achillea millefolium Agoseris glauca Alyssum desertorum Amaranthus Arabis holboellii Argemone munita Astragalus convallarius Astragalus piutensis Astragalus utahensis* Calochortus nuttallii Chaenactis douglasii Chenopodium album Chorispora tenella Cirsium wheeleri Cryptantha cineria Cryptantha nevadensis Collinsia parviflora Collomia grandiflora Crepis occidentalis Cymopterus Descurainia pinnata Epilobium brachycarpum Erigeron eatonii (?) Eriogonum ramosissimum Galium aparine Gayophytum lasiospermum Gilia giliodes Gilia inconspicua Helianthus annuus Lactuca serriola Lappula occidentalis

Leptodactylon pungens*

Lotus utahensis

Lupinus sericeus Machaeranthera canescens Medicago sativa Mentzelia albicaulis*

Melilotus officinalis Microsteris gracilis Mimulus rubellus Nicotiana attenuata Petradoria pumila Phlox austromontana* Phlox longifolia Physaria chambersii Polygonum aviculare Polygonum douglasii Ranunculus testiculatus Salsola iberica Sanguisorba minor Senecio multilobatus Solanum triflorum Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia Taraxacum officinale Tragopogon dubious Verbena bracteata Viguiera multiflora (?) Zigadenus paniculatus

*Occurring in hillside (west transects) only

TABLE 2. DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, TWIN PEAKS STUDY AREA

Marker Used as Base: Public lands cadastral 1/4 section marker, T25S R7W S29,32
Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1 = plot 1, etc.)
 Transect C (Burned/Seeded/Chained):
 100m(B-P1), 150m(B-P2) at 5°
 100m at 280° (H-P1), then 50m at 90° (H-P2)
 Transect NC (Burned/Seeded/Not Chained):
 100m(P1), 150m(P2), 200m(P3), 250m(P4) at 310°
 Transect BNS (Burned/Not Seeded/Not Chained)
 100m(P1), 150m(P2), 200m(P3), 250m(P4) at 190°
 Transect Dr (Burned/Drilled)
 200m at 5°(P2); from P2, 50m at 60° (P1);
 from P2, 50m(P3), 100m(P4) at 250°
 Transect I (Intact: Unburned and Untreated)
 200m(P1), 300m(P2), 350m(P3) at 270°,

then 50m at 45° (P4)

Access: West from I-15 Exit 135

Comments: Irregularities in the chained and intact transects were necessary because of the limited extent of these treatments. Two transects of two plots each were made in the chained area: Chained-Below Hillside(B) lies on a depositional surface, whereas Chained-Hillside(H) lies on a gentle slope of 1-6%. NC and I also lie primarily on this slope, while BNS lies nearer the depositional surface. The burned/not seeded transect lies within a privately-owned section; the other transects lie in the aerially-seeded BLM section.

SPECIES LIST

Forbs

<u>Trees</u> Juniperus osteosperma

Shrubs Artemisia tridentata Chrysothamnus vuscidiflorus Ephedra nevadensis Gutierrezia sarothrae Kochia prostrata Opuntia polyacantha Pediocactus simpsonii

Graminoids
Agropyron cristatum
Agropyron elongatum
Agropyron smithii
Agropyron spicatum
Bromus inermis
Bromus tectorum
Elymus junceus
Oryzopsis hymenoides
Poa secunda
Setaria glauca
Setaria viridis
Stanion hystrix
Triticum aestivum

Agoseris glauca Allium acuminatum Alyssum desertorum Arabis bolboellii Astragalus calycosus Astragalus piutensis Astragalus utahensis Calochortus nuttallii Chaenactis douglasii Chorispora tenella (?) Cryptantha Comandra umbellata Crepis occidentalis Cymopterus Descurainia pinnata Draba Epilobium brachycarpum Erigeron aphanactis Eriogonum Gayophytum lasiospermum Gilia giliodes Gilia inconspicua Lactuca serriola Leucelene ericoides Linum perenne Machaeranthera canescens Malcolmia africana Medicago sativa Mentzelia albicaulis Melilotus officinalis Nicotiana attenuata Petradoria pumila (?) Phlox austromontana (?) Phlox longifolia Physaria chambersii (?) Ranunculus testiculatus Salsola paulsenii (?) Sanguisorba minor Senecio multilobatus Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia Streptanthus cordatus Tragopogon dubious Zigadenus paniculatus

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, GILSON MOUNTAINS STUDY AREA

Access: 4WD trail along east flank of Gilson Mountains; various access points from Utah State Highway 132

Marker Used as Base: Public lands cadastral section marker: T13S R3W S35; T14S R3W S1,S2

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1 = plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Seeded/Chained):

50m(P1), 100m(P2), 150m(P3) at 0°

From C-P1, 50m(P0) at 270°

Transect NC (Seeded/Not Chained):

50m(P2), 100m(P1) at 270°

50m(P3), 100m(P4) at 90°

Transect OS (Old Seeding, Reseeded/Chained)

250m(P1), 300m(P2), 350m(P3), 400m(P4) at 45°

Transect BNS (Burned, Not seeded/Not Chained)

From I-P2L, 250m(P2) at 270°

From BNS-P2, 50m(P3), 100m(P2) 350° From BNS-P2, 50m(P1) at 170°

Transect I (Intact, Unburned/Untreated)
Lower plots: 350m(P1L), 400m(P2L) at 180°

Upper plots: From BNS-P2, 50m(P3U), 100m(P4U) at 315°

Comments: Section 32, southeast of the section corner used as a base, is a stateowned section and was not included in BLM rehabilitation efforts. Nevertheless, the aerial seeding affected the border zones of this state section, as evidenced by the seeded species growing there. A seeded but not chained transect was set up near the section corner, to be compared against an unseeded transect deeper within the state section. Two of the plots of the unburned treatment were placed near unseeded transect within the state section; the other two lie near the section corner boundary. The placement of transects reflects efforts to limit topographic variation while maintaining a systematic setup. Our focus at this study area is the relatively level (4 to 15% slope) topography of wash-bottoms and alluvium between the steeper slopes and ridges. A transect was also placed to sample regrowth in an old seeding of crested wheatgrass, on alluvial fan soils of the valley floor.

SPECIES LIST

<u>Trees</u>
Juniperus osteosperma

Shrubs Artemisia tridentata Atriplex canescens Chrysothamnus greenei Gutierrezia sarothrae Opuntia polyacantha Purshia tridentata

Graminoids Agropyron cristatum Agropyron elongatum Agropyron smithii Agropyron spicatum Bromus inermis Bromus japonicus Bromus tectorum Hordeum marinum Orvzopsis hymenoides Poa fendleriana Sitanion hystrix

Forbs Alyssum desertorum Arabis holboellii Argemone munita Astragalus Astragalus (inflated pods) Astragalus calycosus Astragalus convallarius Astragalus eurekensis Calochortus nuttallii Camelina microcarpa Castilleja Chaenactis douglasii Chenopodium album Chenopodium leptophyllum Chorispora tenell Crepis occidentalis Cryptantha cineria Cryptantha nevadensis Descurainia pinnata Draba verna Erigeron Eriogonum deflexum Eriogonum palmeranum Gayophytum lasiospermum Gilia inconspicua Helianthus annuus Lactuca serriola Lappula occidentalis Leptodactylon pungens Linum perenne Machaeranthera canescens

Malcolmia africana Mentzelia albicaulis Microsteris gracilis Nicotiana attenuata Phacelia ivesiana Phlox austromontana Phlox longifolia Ranunculus testiculatus Salsola iberica Sisymbrium altissimum Solanum triflorum Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia Streptanthus cordatus Tragopogon dubious Vicia americana Zigadenus paniculatus

DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, JERICHO HIGHWAY STUDY AREA TABLE 4.

Access: U.S. Highway 6 between Eureka and Jericho

Marker Used as Base: Mile marker 124, on east side of highway. Signpost used as reference point for transects east of highway. For transects west of highway, reference point is rebar near highway, placed opposite the signpost.

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1= plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Seeded/Chained):

100 m at 290° (P1), then 60m(P2), 120m(P3), and 180m(P4) at 20° From C-P1, 50m(P0) at 270°

Transect NC (Seeded/Not Chained):

West plots: From I-P2, 60m(P1W), 120m(P2W) at 200°.

East plots: 100m at 110 degrees (P1E), then 60m at 35° (P2E)

Transect Dr (Burned/Drilled)

60m at 110°, then 60m(P1), 120m(P2), 180m(P3), 240m(P4) at 20°

Transect BNS (Burned, Not seeded/Not Chained)

20m at 290° (P1), then 50m(P2), 120m(P3), 130m(P4) at 20°.

Also, 200m(P5), 260m(P6) at 19°

Transect I (Intact, Unburned/Untreated)

From C-P1, 120m(P1), 180m(P2), 240m(P3), 300m(P4) at 215°

Comments: The standard direction of transects here was 20°/200°, approximately parallel to the highway. The burned/not seeded transect was positioned close to the highway, in a narrow band reportedly outside the path of aerial seeding. However, stray seeded plants were found growing on plots 1-3 of this transect. BNS-P2 was placed at 50 meters instead of 60 meters to avoid an anthill. BNS-P4 landed in an anomalous patch of storksbill (Erodium cicutarium) but was retained for monitoring purposes. Two extra plots, BNS-P5 and P6, were added for the consistency of treatment comparisons. They were placed, as were the two east NC plots, on ridgetops. Topographically, this study area includes ridgetops and slopes of the Jericho soil series (gravelly fine sandy loam), and broad basins of the Medburn soil series (fine sandy loam). Drilling took place primarily on the Medburn soil, and BNS plots 1-3 also appear to be on a continuation of this soil on the side of the highway opposite the drilling.

SPECIES LIST

<u>Trees</u> Juniperus osteosperma

Artemisia tridentata Atriplex canescens

Chrysothamnus nauseosus Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus Cowania mexicana Ephedra nevadensis Gutierrezia sarothrae

Opuntia polyacantha Tetradymia canescens

Graminoids

Stipa comata

Agropyron cristatum Agropyron elongatum Agropyron intermedium? Agropyron smithii Bromus inermis Bromus japonicus Bromus tectorum Elymus cinereus Elymus junceus? Festuca octoflora Oryzopsis hymenoides Sitanion hystrix

<u>Forbs</u> Alyssum desertorum Amaranthus blitoides Arabis holboellii Argemone munita Astragalus (inflated pods) Astragalus calvcosus Astragalus eurekensis Camissonia boothii Castilleja Chaenactis douglasii Chenopodium album Cirsium (musk thistle) Descurainia pinnata Eriogonum deflexum Eriogonum maculatum Erodium cicutarium Euphorbia micromera Gayophytum decipiens Gayophytum lasiospermum Gilia inconspicua Gilia polycladon Helianthus annuus Lactuca serriola Lappula occidentalis Lygodesmia grandiflora Machaeranthera canescens Malcolmia africana Medicago sativa Mentzelia albicaulis Melilotus officinalis

Monolepis nuttalliana Nicotiana attenuata Oenothera caespitosa

Orobanche multiflora Phacelia ivesiana Phlox longifolia Polygonum ramosissimum Ranunculus testiculatus Salsola iberica Sanguisorba minor Senecio multilobatus Sisvmbrium altissimum Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia Stanleya pinnata Stephanomeria exigua Streptanthus cordatus Tragopogon dubious Verbena bracteata

TABLE 5. DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, DOG VALLEY SLOPES STUDY AREA

Access: Highway connecting Utah State Highway 132 and US Highway 6 at Jericho Junction, to turnoff at Furner Creek leading to Tidwell Spring

Marker Used as Base: Rebar placed 110 meters at 195 degrees from southwest corner of enclosure surrounding Tidwell Spring.

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1= plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Seeded/Chained):

50m at 300°, then 25m at 210°(P1)

100m at 300°, then 25m at 210°(P2)

150m at 300°, then 25m at 210°(P3)

From 150m at 300°, 50m at 255°, then 25m at 165°(P4)

Transect NC (Seeded/Not Chained):

50m at 300°, then 25m at 30°(P1)

100m at 300°, then 25m at 30°(P2)

150m at 300°, then 25m at 30°(P3)

From 150m at 300°, 50m at 255°, then 25m at 345°(P4)

Comments: Topography here is a steep hillside (20-34% slope) facing north-northwest (aspect between 390° and 110°). The upper part of this hillside was chained; the lower part was not. A reference transect was oriented along the lower boundary of the chaining, with a bend of 45° at 150 meters. Plots, both chained and unchained, were placed 25 meters from this reference line, at 50-meter intervals. Presumably, all of this study area was aerially seeded, although NC-P4 lacked seeded species and may lie outside the seeded zone.

SPECIES LIST

<u>Forbs</u> Agoseris glauca

Trees

Shrubs
Artemisia tridentata
Chrysothamnus nauseosus
Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus
Eriogonum corymbosum
Gutierrezia microcephala (?)
Gutierrezia sarothrae
Kochia prostrata

Graminoids
Agropyron cristatum
Agropyron elongatum
Agropyron intermedium
Agropyron spicatum
Bromus japonicus
Bromus tectorum
Oryzopsis hymenoides
Poa fendleriana
Sitanion hystrix
Stipa comata

Alyssum desertorum Amaranthus blitoides Arabis holboellii Arenaria fendleri Astragalus calycosus Astragalus eurekensis Calochortus nuttallii Castilleja (?) Caulanthus crassicaulus Chaenactis douglasii Chenopodium album Cordylanthus kingii (?) Crepis acuminata Cryptantha cineria Cryptantha nevadensis Descurainia pinnata Erigeron Eriogonum deflexum Gilia inconspicua Helianthus annuus Hymenopappus filifolius Hypochaeris (?) Lactuca serriola Leptodactylon pungens Lithospermum incisum Machaeranthera canescens Malacothrix glabrata (?) Nicotiana attenuata Petradoria pumila Phacelia ivesiana Phlox austromontana Physaria chambersii Salsola iberica Sisymbrium altissimum Solanum triflorum Streptanthus cordatus Tragopogon dubious unknown (Cryptantha-like) unknown (Verbena-like:Marrubium?)

TABLE 6. DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, PAUL BUNYAN'S WOODPILE

Access: US Highway 6 between Eureka and Jericho Junction; along turnoff road leading to Paul Bunyan's Woodpile

Marker Used as Base: Rebar placed near outermost end of an isolated chained strip, midway between the two sides of the strip.

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1= plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Seeded/Chained):

60m(P1), 120m(P2), 180m(P3), 240m(P4) at 280°

Transect NC (Seeded/Not Chained):

From C-P1, 60m at $190^{\circ}(P1)$,

then 60m(P2), 120m(P3), 180m(P4) at 280°

Comments: The chained and unchained transects are parallel and separated by 60 meters. Topography is gently sloping (5-11% slope), alluvial soil, on western foothills of East Tintic Mountains.

SPECIES LIST

Trees

Shrubs Atriplex canescens Cowania mexicana Ephedra nevadensis Ephedra viridis Purshia tridentata

Graminoids Agropyron cristatum Agropyron elongatum Agropyron intermedium(?) Agropyron spicatum

Bromus inermis Bromus japonicus Bromus tectorum Oryzopsis hymenoides Sitanion hystrix

<u>Forbs</u> Agoseris glauca Alyssum desertorum Argemone munita Astragalus (blue/purple leaves)
Astragalus (inflated pods) Astragalus calycosus Astragalus eurekensis Calochortus nuttallii Camissonia boothii Chaenactis douglasii Chenopodium album Crepis acuminata Descurainia pinnata Eriogonum deflexum Eriogonum maculatum Gilia inconspicua Gilia polycladon Lactuca serriola Machaeranthera canescens Melilotus officinalis Nicotiana attenuata Phacelia ivesiana Phlox austromontana Phlox longifolia Physaria chambersii Senecio multilobatus Streptanthus cordatus Zigadenus paniculatus

TABLE 7. DESCRIPTION AND SPECIES LIST, RAILROAD STUDY AREA

Access: US Highway 6 between Eureka and Jericho Junction, about one mile north of road to Paul Bunyan's Woodpile; 4WD trail headed west

Marker Used as Base: Rebar placed 151m at 195° from Public lands cadastral section marker, T12S R3W S15 S16 S21 S22.

Heading and Distance from Marker to Plot Center (P1= plot 1, etc.)

Transect C (Seeded/Chained):

50m at 225°, then 12.5m at 315°(P1) 100m at 225°, then 12.5m at 315°(P2) 150m at 225°, then 12.5m at 315°(P3) 250m at 225°, then 12.5m at 315°(P4)

Transect NC (Seeded/Not Chained):

50m at 225°, then 12.5m at 135°(P1) 100m at 225°, then 12.5m at 135°(P2) 200m at 225°, then 12.5m at 135°(P3) 250m at 225°, then 12.5m at 135°(P4)

Comments: Topography here is similar to the nearby Jericho Highway site, but transects here lie on the Wales loam, a deep and relatively level soil (5-7% slope). A reference transect was aligned along the boundary of the narrow chained strip, running NW/SW. Plots were placed 12.5 meters from this reference line, at 50-meter intervals. Thus, each chained plot is paired with an unchained plot 25 meters away, except for C-P3 and NC-P3, which were positioned in a staggered fashion on the two sides of a gully.

SPECIES LIST

Forbs Alvssum desertorum

Trees

<u>Shrubs</u> Artemisia tridentata Atriplex canescens Opuntia polyacantha

Graminoids
Agropyron cristatum
Agropyron elongatum
Agropyron smithii
Bromus inermis
Bromus japonicus
Bromus tectorum
Elymus cinereus?
Festuca octoflora
Oryzopsis hymenoides
Poa fendleriana
Sitanion hystrix

Amaranthus blitoides Arabis holboellii Argemone munita Astragalus (inflated pods) Astragalus nuttalianus Calochortus nuttallii Camissonia boothii Chaenactis douglasii Descurainia pinnata Erigeron Eriogonum deflexum Gilia inconspicua Helianthus annuus Lactuca serriola Lappula occidentalis Mentzelia albicaulis Nicotiana attenuata Oenothera caespitosa Phlox longifolia Sisymbrium altissimum Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia Stanleya pinnata Streptanthus cordatus Tragopogon dubious

Table 8. Example of completed datasheet for a representative plot, JH-C-P4

Photo Directions and Head Location: Latitude (to Marker Used as Base Meading and Distance from road opposite milem 180 meters at 20 de Plot Size 1/40 ACRE Series Jericho Soil Series Jericho Soil Erosion/Rilling Personal Stage Pioneer, perinyon/Juniper Invasion T&E Plant Species none Notes and Comments Plants Plant Species none	Burned/Seede e 26 AUG 1997 ings From No: be determined) ilemarker 124, Marker to Plocarker sign: 100 grees. lope 8% m from igneous Soil Texture coling, slight ofire Junipost-fire none Weed Graz. ot situated on	Recorders J.E.Ott, S.C. San rth and from West, taken 29 AUG Longitude U.S. Highway 6 t Center From rebar on west meters at 160 degrees (JH-C-F Aspect 110% Elevation 5 rocks gravelly fine sandy loam soil flow but no rills per with sagebrush understory Establishment Musk thistle reserved.	side of Pl), then S250'
	RECONNAISS	ANCE DATA	
	cover/soc	ciability	
	(Seeded spec	ies in bold)	
	(
Trees	•	Forbs	
-none-		Astragalus (inflated pods)	+ 1
		Astragalus eurekensis	+ 1
Shrubs		Cirsium (musk thistle)	+ 1
	, 1		+ 1
Atriplex canescens	+ 1	Descurainia pinnata	· -
		Gilia inconspicua	1 1
<u>Graminoids</u>		Helianthus annuus	+ 1
Agropyron cristatum	1 1to2	Lappula occidentalis	+ 1
Agropyron elongatum	2 1	Malcolmia africana	+ 1
Bromus inermis	1 1to2	Phacelia ivesiana	+ 1
Bromus japonicus	+ 1	Sisymbrium altissimum	+ 1
Bromus tectorum	1 1	Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia	+ 1
Elymus cinereus(?)	+ 1		
Oryzopsis hymenoides	+ 1		
Sitanion hystrix	+ 1		
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•	COVER E	Y TYPE	
Vascular Plants 45 %	Bare soil 4	<u>0</u> % Litter <u>7</u> %	
Rock >1cm 8 % Crypto			
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Trees 0 % Shrubs 1	& Grasses_	85 % Forbs 14 %	
RELATIVE COMPOSITION	OF GRASS COV	ER	
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<u> </u>	Growing as	single, widely spaced individuals	- 1
1 - 5% 1	Small group		- 1 - 2
6 - 25% 2	In small pa		- 2 - 3
26 - 50% 3	Extensive		- 3 - 4
51 - 75% 4	-	pure stands	- 4 - 5
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Table 8 cont. Continuation of completed datasheet for a representative plot, JH-C-P4

Place Name	e Jericho	Highwa	<u>y-Chained-Plot</u>	: 4			•
Treatment	Classificat	cion	Burned/Seeded	l/Chained			
Plot Labe	.TH-C-P4	Date	26 AUG 1997	Recorders	J. T.	Ott sc	Sanderson

Meter-square subsample, NE of plot center Photo taken from east, 26 AUG 1997

VASCULAR PLANT COVER

(Seeded species in bold)

SPECIES NAME	# OF INDIVIDUALS	% OF TOTAL COVER
Agropyron cristatum	9	10
Agropyron elongatum	4	8
Bromus inermis	11	5
Bromus tectorum	4	6
Gilia inconspicua	4	8
Helianthus annuus	0	5

COVER BY TYPE

Vascular Pl	ants 35	ં ફ	Bare	soil_	50	_ ^{&}	Litte	r <u> </u>	%	
Rock >1cm	<u>10</u> %	Crypt	ogams_	+	_%	Sta	nding	Dead_	0	_ુ ક

CunninghamBurned/ Seeded/ Chained											
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Understory Cov		-	_	45	00	455					
Vascular Plants	20	15	15	15	20	17					
Bare Soil	50	45	40	45	40	44					
Litter	5	10	15	30	15	15					
Rock>1 cm	25	30	30	10	25	24					
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0.5	0					
Overstory Cove	r (%)										
Dead/Live Trees	8	10	20	30	20	18					
Relative Compo	sition of	Vascular	· Plant Co	over (Tot:	al=100%)	ı					
Trees	0	0	1	0	0.5	0					
Shrubs	25	5	9	0.5	5	9					
Grasses	30	60	70	35	60	51					
Forbs	45	35	20	65	35	40					
Relative Compo			-	•							
Exotic	60	40	45	65	5	43					
Native	20	15	0	0	50	17					
Seeded	20	45	55	35	45	40					
Meter-square Si	ubsample	: Unders	tory Cov	er by Tyr	oe (Total:	=100%)					
Vascular Plants	20	15	2	10	20	13					
Bare Soil	40	60	63	65	40	54					
Litter	5	5	5	5	40	12					
Rock>1 cm	35	20	30	20	10	23					
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0					
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		 .					•				
Understory Cov				•							
Vascular Plants	15	10	35	25	15	20	45	35	65	35	45
Bare Soil	55		40	65	70	56	20	55	20	45	35
Litter	30	25	5	. 3	5	14	20	5	10	5	10
Rock>1 cm	0	15	20	7	10	10	15	5	5	15	10
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overstory Cove	r (%)										
Dead/Live Trees	40	20	30	25	35	30	8	0.5	0.5	5	4
Relative Compo	sition o	f Vascu	lar Plant	Cover	(Total=1	00%)					
Trees	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	5		0	0.5	1	1	2	5	1	10	5
Grasses	50	50	50	70	70	58	93	80	80	55	77
Forbs	45	50	50	30	29	41	5	15	19	35	19
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Relative Compo	sition o	f Grass	Cover (Total=10	00%)						
Exotic	95	99	100	98	35	85	40	15	15	24	24
Native	4	1	0.5	1	65	14	0.5	5	5	1	3
Seeded	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	80	80	75	74
Meter-square S	uhsamn	le: Unde	erstory (Cover by	/ Tyne (1	Cotal=100°	%)				
Vascular Plants	20		_	10	, .,p. 5 (. 1	12	30	25	45	20	30
Bare Soil	50		38	74	95	63	45	67	45	60	54
Litter	0.5	30	2	1	1	7	5	3	5	5	5
Rock>1 cm	30		-	15	3	18	20	5	5	15	11
Cryptogams	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	Burned/	Seeded/	Not Chai	ned		Unburne	d/ Untrea	ated		
	BS-P1	BS-P2	BS-P3	BS-P4	Mean	I-P1	I-P2	I-P3	I-P4	Mean
Understory Cov	or hy Tyr	e (Total=	=1 00%)							
Vascular Plants	20 20	-35	50	35	35	10	35	20	20	21
Bare Soil	55	25	25	12	29	25	25	15	30	24
Litter	5	5	5	3	5	15	15	15	20	16
Rock>1 cm	20	35	20	50	31	50	25	50	30	39
Cryptogams	0	0	0.5	0.5	0			on rock		0
Overstory Cove	r (%)									
Dead/Live Trees	35	30	60	35	40	15	20	20	30	21
Relative Compo	sition of	Vascular	· Plant Co	over (Tota	ıl=100%)					
Trees	10	0	0	0	3	60	40	50	60	53
Shrubs	0.5	0	0	0	0	5	20	0.5	8	8
Grasses	85	90	85	75	84	20	30	45	30	31
Forbs	5	10	15	25	14	15	10	5	2	8
Relative Compo	sition of	Grass Co	over (Tot	al=100%)						
Exotic	70	70	55	35	58	50	55	85	60	63
Native	0.5	5	35	20	15	50	45	15	40	38
Seeded	30	25	10	45	28	0	0	0	0	0
Meter-square Su	ıbsample	: Unders	tory Cov	er by Typ	e (Total=1	100%)	•			
Vascular Plants	30	25	25	10	23	10	10	5	5	8
Bare Soil	40	20	35	10	26	20	40	15	45	30
Litter	5	10	20	5	10	40	5	25	15	21
Rock>1 cm	25	45	20	75	41	30	45	50	35	40
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	1(rock)	0.5	5	5 (rock)	1
Meter-squre Sub	osample:	Oversto	ry Cover	(%)						
Dead/Live Trees	0	10	100	90	50	60	0	5	0	16

	Twin Pe	aksBur	ned/ See	ded/ Chair	ned	Twin PeaksBurned/ Seeded/ Not Chained				
	C(H)-P1	C(H)-P2	C(B)-P1	C(B)-P2	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P3	NC-P4	NC-avg
Understory Cov	er by Ty	pe (Total	=100%)							
Vascular Plants	35		35	30	40	35	50	60	50	49
Bare Soil	47	20	40	48	39	40	30	15	30	29
Litter	3	5	5	2	4	5	5	10	5	6
Rock>1 cm	15	15	20	20	18	20	15	15	15	16
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
Overstory Cove	er (%)									
Dead/Live Trees	, 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Relative Compo	osition of	Vascula	r Plant C	over (Tota	l=100%)					
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.5	5	2
Grasses	85	95	85	80	86	85	85	90	80	85
Forbs	14	5	15	20	14	13	13	10	15	13
Relative Compo	osition of	Grass C	over (To	tal=100%)						
Exotic	42	45	20	20	32	60	42	65	90	64
Native	8	10	0	0.5	5	35	50	34	7	32
Seeded	50	45	80	80	64	5	8	1	3	4
Meter-square S	ubsampl	e: Under	story Co	ver by Typ	e (Total=	100%)				
Vascular Plants	20	25	20	35	25	20	30	60	35	36
Bare Soil	60	50	60	50	55	45	45	15	25	33
Litter	5	5	5	2	4	5	5	10	30	13
Rock>1 cm	15	20	15	13	16	30	20	15	10	19
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1
Meter-squre Su	•		•							
Dead/Live Trees	s 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 cont. Cover data for individual plots and transect means, Tw-BNS and Tw-Dr $_{
m 40}$

		Twin Peaks								
	Burned	Not See	ded/ Not	Chained		Burned/ I	Drilled			
	BNS-P1	BNS-P2	BNS-P3	BNS-P4	Mean	Dr-P1	Dr-P2	Dr-P3	Dr-P4	Mean
Understory Cov		-	=100%)			•				,
Vascular Plants	40		45	45	45	65	50	50	65	58
Bare Soil	35		30	30	30	28	47	40	30	36
Litter	5	5	5	5	5	2	2	2	1	2
Rock>1 cm	20	20	20	20	20	5	1	8	4	5
Cryptogams	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overstory Cove	er (%)									
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Relative Compo	sition of	Vascula	r Plant C	over (Tota	ıl=100%)					
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	1	0	0.5	1	1	0	0	0	0.5	0
Grasses	85	85	90	80	85	65	55	60	55	59
Forbs	14	15	10	19	15	35	45	40	45	41
Relative Compo	sition of	Grass C	over (To	tal=100%)						
Exotic	95		•	90	88	1	1	7	8	4
Native	5	20	15	10	13	4	1	1	8	4
Seeded	0				0	95	98	92	84	92
Meter-square S	ubsamol	e: Under:	story Cov	er by Typ	e (Total≕1	100%)				
Vascular Plants	30		-	15	23	50	40	40	60	48
Bare Soil	30			35	34	45	.e 59	50	36	48
Litter	10		5	5	6	2	0.5	2	2	2
Rock>1 cm	30				38	3	1	8	2	4
Cryptogams	0			0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meter-squre Su	bsample	: Oversto	rv Cover	· (%)						
Dead/Live Trees	-		0	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0

_	Twin PeaksIntact: Unburned/ Untreated											
	I-P1	I-P2	I-P3	I-P4	Mean							
Understory Cove	er by Type	(Total=10	0%)									
Vascular Plants	50	55	55	60	55							
Bare Soil	30	15	25	10	20							
Litter	10	10	10	10	10							
Rock>1 cm	10	15	10	20	14							
Cryptogams	0.5	5	0.5	0.5	. 2							
Overstory Cover	r (%)											
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0							
Relative Compo	sition of V	ascular Pi	ant Cover	(Total=10	0%)							
Trees	1	1	0.5	0.5	1							
Shrubs	55	40	55	40	48							
Grasses	35	40	25	40	35							
Forbs	9	19	20	20	17							
Relative Compo	sition of G	rass Cove	er (Total=1	00%)								
Exotic	65	70	55	65	64							
Native	35	30	45	35	36							
Seeded	0	0	0	0	0							
Meter-square Su	ıbsample:	Understo	ry Cover b	y Type (To	otal=100%)							
Vascular Plants	50	60	80	35	56							
Bare Soil	20	15	8	20	16							
Litter	10	15	10	25	15							
Rock>1 cm	20	5	0.5	19	11							
Cryptogams	0	5	2	1	2							
Meter-squre Sub	osample: C	verstory (Cover (%)									
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	dead Artr	litter	. 0							

	Gilson M	ountains				Gilson M	ountains	;		
<u>.!</u>	Burned/ S	Seeded/ (Chained			Burned/	Seeded/	Not Chai	ned	
	C-P0	C-P1	C-P2	C-P3	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P3	NC-P4	Mean
Understory Cove		=	=				•			
Vascular Plants	35	80	15	30	40	55	35	15	45	38
Bare Soil	35	12	65	30	36	35	35	78	45	48
Litter	20	8	18	35	20	5	5	2	10	6
Rock>1 cm	10	0.5	2	5	4	5	25	5	0.5	9
Cryptogams	0.5	0	0	. 0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0
Overstory Cover	(%)									
Dead/Live Trees	50	10	10	30	25	25	25	70	1	30
Relative Compos	sition of \	/ascular	Plant Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)					
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	1	1	0.5	1
Grasses	65	99	80	75	80	40	45	35	50	43
Forbs	35	1	20	25	20	60	54	64	50	57
Relative Compos	sition of (Grass Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)						
Exotic	10	20	10	25	16	60	70	50	45	56
Native	5	70	85	25	46	35	30	10	30	26
Seeded	85	10	5	50	38	5	0.5	40	25	18
Meter-square Su	bsample:	: Underst	ory Cove	r by Typ	e (Total=1	100%)				
Vascular Plants	35	60	20	50	41	50	35	10	30	31
Bare Soil	35	35	75	25	43	40	20	80	59	50
Litter	20	5	3	23	13	5	5	1	10	5
Rock>1 cm	10	0.5	2	2	4	5	40	9	1	14
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0
Meter-squre Sub	sample:	Overstor	y Cover (%)						
Dead/Live Trees	25	0	0	100	31	0	0	100	0	25

Table 11 cont. Cover data for individual plots and transect means, GM-BNS and GM-OS $_{43}^{}$

	Gilson I	Mountains	3			Gilson Mtns.					
*	Burned	Not Seed	ied/ Not	Chained		Old Seed	ling: Bur	ned/ Not	Reseede	d	
	BNS-P1	BNS-P2	BNS-P3	BNS-P4	Mean	OS-P1	OS-P2	OS-P3	OS-P4	Mean	
Understory Cov	er by Tv	pe (Total=	=100%)			,					
Vascular Plants	60	-	20	80	48	60	60	50	65	59	
Bare Soil	25		55	10	35	25	25	40	25	29	
Litter	5		15	5	8	10	10	8	8	9	
Rock>1 cm	10		10		10	5	5	0.5	0.5	3	
Cryptogams	0.5		0		0	0.5	0	2	2	1	
Overstory Cove	er (%)										
Dead/Live Trees	s 40	50	50	10	38	1	0	0	0.5	0	
Relative Compo	osition of	f Vasculaı	Plant C	over (Tota	i=100%)						
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shrubs	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Grasses	60	35	19	70	46	85	95	95	95	93	
Forbs	40	65	80	30	54	14	5	5	5	7	
Relative Compo	osition o	f Grass C	over (To	tal=100%)							
Exotic	60	100	65	85	78	5	5	5	0.5	4	
Native	40	0.5	35	15	23	15	50	5	45	29	
Seeded	C	0.5	0	0	0	80	45	90	55	68	
Meter-square S	ubsamp	e: Unders	story Co	ver by Typ	e (Total=	100%)					
Vascular Plants	35	15	25	70	36	40	40	25	50	39	
Bare Soil	25	70	60	5	40	35	53	65	45	50	
Litter	20	1	5	15	10	23	5	9	5	11	
Rock>1 cm	20	14	10	10	14	. 2	2	0.5	0.5	1	
Cryptogams	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5	0	
Meter-squre Su	ıbsample	: Oversto	ry Covei	(%)							
Dead/Live Trees	s C	100	0	5	26	50	0	0	0	13	

	Gilson MountainsIntact; Unburned/ Untreated										
	I-P1 (L)	I-P2 (L)	I-P3 (U)	I-P4 (U)	Mean						
		/m	***								
Understory Cov			•								
Vascular Plants	45	55	25	50	44						
Bare Soil	15	15	25	20	19						
Litter	25	20	20	10	19						
Rock>1 cm	5	5	20	10	10						
Cryptogams	10	5	10	10	9						
Overstory Cover (%)											
Dead/Live Trees	30	30	50	60	43						
Relative Composition of Vascular Plant Cover (Total=100%)											
Trees	30	45	1	0	19						
Shrubs	20	5	1	0.5	7						
Grasses	45	45	85	95	68						
Forbs	5	5	13	5	7						
Relative Compo	sition of G	irass Cove	er (Total=1	00%)							
Exotic	45	85	55	80	66						
Native	55	15	45	20	34						
Seeded	. 0	0.5	0	0	0						
Meter-square S	ubsample:	Understor	y Cover by	y Type (To	tal=100%)						
Vascular Plants	15	45	10	5	19						
Bare Soil	35	22	55	40	38						
Litter	30	20	10	35	24						
Rock>1 cm	5	3	20	15	11						
Cryptogams	15	10	5	5	9						
Meter-squre Su	bsample: (Overstory (Cover (%)								
Dead/Live Trees	•	25	0	2	. 7						

Jericho Highway						Jericho Highway				
<u>_</u> E	Burned/ S	Seeded/ C	Chained	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Burned/	Not Seed	led/ Not (Chained	
	C-P1	C-P2	C-P3	C-P4	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P1	NC-P2	Mean
						West	West	East	East	
Understory Cove	r by Typ	e (Total=	100%)							
Vascular Plants	30	35	35	45	36	50	30	65	50	49
Bare Soil	60	55	30	40	46	30	40	15	25	28
Litter	5	5	15	7	8	5	10	10	10	9
Rock>1 cm	5	5	20	8	10	10	20	10	15	14
Cryptogams	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	5	0.5	0.5	0.5	2
Overstory Cover	(%)									
Dead/Live Trees	2	0	30	, 5	9	1	40	15	15	18
Relative Compos	ition of \	/ascular	Plant Co	ver (Tota	d=100%)					
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	1	0	2	1	1	0.5	0	0.5	0	0
Grasses	90	85	85	85	86	75	50	95	70	73
Forbs	9	15	13	14	13	25	50	5	30	28
Relative Compos	ition of (Grass Co	ver (Tota	i=100%)			(
Exotic	65	85	40	20	53	80	80	95	90	86
Native	1	1	30	10	11	19	15	1	1	9
Seeded	34	14	30	70	37	1	5	4	9	5
Meter-square Sul	bsample	: Underst	ory Cove	er by Typ	e (Total=1	100%)				
Vascular Plants	25	12	12	35	21	10	15	60	25	28
Bare Soil	65	80	75	50	68	70	65	20	60	54
Litter	5	3	3	5	4	10	5	10	8	8
Rock>1 cm	5	5	7	10	7	8	15	10	7	10
Cryptogams	0.5	0	3	0.5	1	2	0.5	0.5	0	1
Meter-squre Sub	sample:	Overstor	y Cover ((%)						
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	30	14

	Jericho Highway Burned/ Drilled						Jericho Highway Intact: Unburned/Untreated				
,	Dr-P1	Dr-P2	Dr-P3	Dr-P4	Mean	I-P1	I-P2	I-P3	I-P4	Mean	
Understory Cov	er by Typ	e (Total=	100%)								
Vascular Plants	55	55	65	50	56	50	70	55	35	53	
Bare Soil	35	38	28	43	36	25	10	20	25	20	
Litter	5	2	2	2	3	15	5	5	15	10	
Rock>1 cm	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	15	15	11	
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	10	6	
Overstory Cove	r (%)										
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	20	18	
Relative Compo	sition of	Vascular	Plant Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)					•	
Trees	0	0	0	0	. 0	. 0	1	0	1	4	
Shrubs	0.5	0.5	0	. 0	0	45	48	60	59	53	
Grasses	60	60	80	90	73	50	50	40	40	45	
Forbs	40	40	20	10	28	5	1	0.5	0.5	2	
Relative Compo	sition of	Grass Co	ver (Tota	al=100%)							
Exotic	75	15	85	10	46	50	75	65	40	58	
Native	0.5	0	10	55	16	50	25	35	60	43	
Seeded	25	85	5	35	38	0	0	0	0	0	
Meter-square Su	ıbsample	: Unders	tory Cove	er by Typ	e (Total=	100%)					
Vascular Plants	45	60	65	40	53	55	8	35	3	15	
Bare Soil	45	35	28	50	40	0	35	20	39	31	
Litter	5	1	2	5	3	45*	14	15	20	16	
Rock>1 cm	5	4	5	5	5	0	35	25	18	26	
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0*	8	5	20	11	
Meter-squre Sul	osample:	Overstor	y Cover ((%)							
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0	100*	0	0	0	0	

^{*} Beneath vascular plant cover , there was actually about 100% litter cover, underlain by 100% cryptogam cover.

	Jericho HighwayBurned/ Not Seeded/ Not Chained										
	BNS-P1	BNS-P2	BNS-P3	BNS-P4	BNS-P5	BNS-P6	Mean				
Understory Cover by Type (Total=100%)											
Vascular Plants	35	20	50	75	50	50	47				
Bare Soil	45	60	37	4	35	37	36				
Litter	10	10	10	20	5	5	10				
Rock>1 cm	10	10	3	1	10	8	7				
Cryptogams	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	0				
Overstory Cover (%)											
Dead/Live Trees	0	20	0	8	15	1	7				
Relative Composition of Vascular Plant Cover (Total=100%)											
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0				
Shrubs	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0				
Grasses	98	95	95	75	99	98	93				
Forbs	2	5	5	25	1	. 2	7				
Relative Compo	sition of (Grass Cov	er (Total=	=100%)							
Exotic	80	98	100	100	98	95	95				
Native	15	2	0.5	0.5	2	5	4				
Seeded	5	0.5	0.5	0	, 0	0	1				
Meter-square Su	ubsample:	Understo	ory Cover	by Type (Total=100	0%)					
Vascular Plants	50	40	10	80	85	45	52				
Bare Soil	40	50	80	4	10	45	38				
Litter	5	5	9	15	4	5	7				
Rock>1 cm	5	5	1	1	1	5	3				
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Meter-squre Subsample: Overstory Cover (%)											
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				

	Dog Valley Slopes									
	Burned/	Seeded/ C	Chained		····	Burned/ Not Seeded/ Not Chained				
	C-P1	C-P2	C-P3	C-P4	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P3	NC-P4	Mean
Understory Cov	er by Typ	e (Total=	100%)							
Vascular Plants	25	30	25	35	29	20	20	20	10	18
Bare Soil	50	30	40	25	36	40	25	45	50	40
Litter	. 10	15	15	20	15	10	30	5	10	14
Rock>1 cm	15	25	20	20	20	30	25	30	30	29
Cryptogams	on rocks o	on rocks o	n rocks o	n rocks	0	on rocks	on rocks (on rocks	on rocks	0
Overstory Cove					4.5	_		40		
Dead/Live Trees	5	15	20	25	16	5	20	40	10	19
Relative Compo	osition of \	Vascular I	Plant Co	ver (Tota	i=100%)					
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubs	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	1	5	5	1	1	3
Grasses	95	98	90	80	91	70	65	50	80	66
Forbs	5	2	10	19	9	25	30	49	19	31
Relative Compo	osition of	Grass Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)			·			
Exotic	5	1	5	35	12	5	0.5	25	5	9
Native	15	49	60	45	42	65	95	40	95	74
Seeded	80	50	35	20	46	30	5	35	0	18
Meter-square S	-		-		•		40	4.5	4.5	
Vascular Plants	20	20	25	30	24	20	10	15	15	15
Bare Soil	45	50	40	30	41	40	15	35	40	33
Litter	25	5	10	10	13	10	15	5	10	10
Rock>1 cm	10	25	25	30	23	30	60	45	35	43
Cryptogams	0	0	0 0	n rocks	0	U	on rocks	on rocks	on rocks	0
Meter-squre Su	bsample:	Overstor	y Cover (%)						
Dead/Live Trees	s 10	0	0	50	15	0	0	25	0	6

I	Paul Bunyan's Woodpile									
<u>.</u>	Burned/ S	Seeded/ C	Chained	Burned/ Not Seeded/ Not Chaine					Chained	
	C-P1	C-P2	C-P3	C-P4	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P3	NC-P4	Mean
Understory Cove	r hy Tyne	a (Total=	100%)							
Vascular Plants	20	30	100 /6)	15	19	35	25	20	10	22
Bare Soil	60	50 50	55	65	58	35	50 50	65	70	23 55
Litter	10	10	5	15	10	5	5	5	10	99 6
Rock>1 cm	10	10	30	, 15 5	14	25	20	10	10	16
	0	0	0	0	0	25	20	0	0	0
Cryptogams	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Overstory Cover	(%)									
Dead/Live Trees	15	5	2	5	7	10	20	20	30	20
Relative Compos	ition of l	/oooulor	Diant Car	vor (Tota	.I_4009/\					
•		vasculai 0	0	ve i (10ta 0	-	0	0	0	0	•
Trees	0				0 11	0	0	0		0
Shrubs	1	0.5	1	40 25			0.5	1	0.5	1
Grasses	80	80	25	25 25	53 27	45 55	40	50	20	39
Forbs	19	20	74	35	37	55	60	49	80	61
Relative Compos	sition of (Grass Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)						
Exotic	5	5	95	0	26	45	35	45	100	56
Native	15	20	5	0.5	10	50	40	55	0	36
Seeded	80	75	Ó	100	64	5	25	0	0	8
Meter-square Su	heamnle:	Indoret	ory Cove	r hv Tvn	e (Total=1	100%)				
Vascular Plants	10	30	15	15	18	20	25	65	0.5	28
Bare Soil	75	45	50	35	51	45	60	20	80	51
Litter	10	5	5	35	14	5	5	10	10	8
Rock>1 cm	5	20	30	15	18	30	10	5	10	14
Cryptogams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Meter-squre Sub	-		y Cover (
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	1	20	5	0	50	. 0	20	18

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<u></u>	Burned/ Seeded/ Chained							Burned/ Not Seeded/ Not Chained			
	C-P1	C-P2	C-P3	C-P4	Mean	NC-P1	NC-P2	NC-P3	NC-P4	Mean	
Understory Cove		- ·	-								
Vascular Plants	65	65	60	65	64	75	70	70	60	69	
Bare Soil	29	27	30	25	28	15	20	22	30	22	
Litter	5	7	8	10	8	10	8	8	10	9	
Rock>1 cm	0.5	1	2	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	
Cryptogams	1	0	0	0	0	. 0	2	0	0	1	
Overstory Cover	(%)					1					
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	
Relative Compos	ition of \	/ascular	Plant Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)						
Trees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shrubs	1	0.5	1	1	1	0	0.5	0	0	0	
Grasses	95	95	85	90	91	95	95	95	95	95	
Forbs	4	5	14	9	8	5	5	5	5	5	
Relative Compos	sition of (Grass Co	ver (Tota	l=100%)							
Exotic	55	60	80	70	66	92	92	94	95	93	
Native	15	2	10	5	8	5	5	3	4	4	
Seeded	30	38	10	25	26	3	3	3	1	3	
Meter-square Sul	bsample	: Underst	tory Cove	er by Typ	e (Total=	100%)					
Vascular Plants	50	25	20	45	35	80	30	80	80	68	
Bare Soil	40	65	70	40	54	15	55	10	15	24	
Litter	10	7	10	15	11	5	15	10	5	9	
Rock>1 cm	0.5	3	0.5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Cryptogams	0	Ó	dead	0	0	0	0	0	o	0	
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Meter-squre Sub	-		-		_	_	-	-	_	-	
Dead/Live Trees	0	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	